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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3445

INFO WHITEHOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: UR, US

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION PROTEST

REF: STATE 158602

1. CHARGE DELIVERED PROTEST, AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL,  
TO FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO AFTERNOON  
OF JUNE 22. IN ADDITION TO MAKING POINTS SUGGESTED  
IN REFTEL, CHARGE REFERRED TO HIS JUNE 21 MEETING  
WITH AMBASSADOR KUZNETSOV ON SAME SUBJECT, AND ALSO  
SHOWED KORNIYENKO OFFICIAL COPY OF SOVIET GROUND PLAN  
OF EMBASSY BUILDING WHICH CLEARLY INCLUDED CHIMNEY AS  
PART OF EMBASSY PROPERTY.

2. KORNIYENKO RESPONDED ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, "MOST  
DECISIVELY" REJECTING ASSERTION THAT USSR WAS INVOLVED  
IN ANY SORT OF PROVOCATION AGAINST EMBASSY, AND  
ARGUING THAT CHIMNEY HAD NO CONNECTION TO EMBASSY AND  
INDEED WAS AN "ESSENTIAL PART" OF THE HEATING SYSTEM  
OF THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING. THE OCCUPANTS OF THAT  
BUILDING DEMAND RESTORATION OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY  
EMBASSY, AND IF EMBASSY DOES NOT COMPLY THEY HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE THEMSELVES. PERHAPS THE  
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HEATING SYSTEM HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR A WHILE, BUT  
THE CHIMNEY HAD TO BE USEABLE IN CASE THE FURNACE WERE  
FIRED UP.

3. CHARGE SAID HE COULD ONLY REITERATE THE EMBASSY'S  
PROTEST, STRESS THAT THE FACTS WERE CLEAR AND OUR  
POSITION WAS FIRM, AND EXPRESS HIS HOPE THAT THE SOVIET

GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE NOTE OF U.S. POSITION AND AVOID  
FURTHER EXACERBATION OF SITUATION.

4. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCERNIBLE  
SOVIET ACTIVITY AROUND CHIMNEY TODAY. MATLOCK

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